LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended) A computer-based method of providing information between a plurality of nodes coupled to a communication network wherein the plurality of nodes comprises more than one content provider nodes, at least one user node, and a portal node between said content providers and said at least one user node, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at a portal node, user-requested content information from more than one content provider nodes, wherein the user-requested content information has been generated in a markup language using a specific portlet at each of the more than one content provider nodes;

combining, at the portal node, the received user-requested content information using a generic portlet to produce combined user-requested content information; and

sending, from the portal node, the combined user-requested content information to a user node.

2. (currently amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein the content information comprises fragments of information generated in the markup language at the more than one content provider nodes, and wherein the combining step comprises combining the fragments of information into the combined user-requested content information.

3.   (canceled)

4.   (canceled)

5. (currently amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein the combined user-requested content information is configured for displaying on a browser at the user node.

6.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language is the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user-requested content information received from the at least one of the more than one content provider nodes is associated with a fee.

8.   (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of accepting a fee before the receiving step.

9.   (currently amended) A computer-based method of providing information between a plurality of nodes coupled to a communication network wherein the plurality of nodes comprises more than one content provider nodes, at least one user node, and a portal node between the content provider nodes and the user nodes, the method comprising the steps of:
        generating, within at least one content provider node, user-requested content information in a markup language using a specific portlet;
        sending, from the at least one content provider node, the generated user-requested content information to a portal node for combining with information in the markup language received from other content provider nodes to produce combined user-requested content information and sending the

combined user-requested content information to a user node using a generic portlet.

10.   (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the generating step comprises generating fragments of information in the markup language, and wherein the sending step comprises sending the fragments of information to a portal node for combining and sending to a user node.

11.   (canceled)

12.   (canceled)

13.   (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the user-requested content information sent to the user node is configured for displaying on a browser at the user node.

14.   (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the markup language is the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

15.   (currently amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of associating the generated user-requested content information with a fee.

16.   (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of charging a fee before the sending step.

17.   (currently amended) A computer program product for use in a content delivery network comprising a plurality of nodes, the product comprising a machine readable medium

containing one or more programs which when executed
implement the steps of:

receiving, at a portal node, user-requested content
information from more than one content provider nodes,
wherein the user-requested content information has been
generated in a markup language using a specific portlet at
each of the more than one content provider nodes;

combining, at the portal node, the received
user-requested content information using a generic portlet
to produce combined user-requested content information; and

sending, from the portal node, the combined
user-requested content information to a user node.

18.   (currently amended) A computer program product for use
in a content delivery network comprising a plurality of
nodes, the product comprising a machine readable medium
containing one or more programs which when executed
implement the steps of:

generating, within at least one content provider node,
user-requested content information in a markup language
using a specific portlet;

sending, from the at least one content provider node,
the generated information to a portal node for combining
with information in the markup language received from other
content provider nodes to produce combined user-requested
content information and sending the combined user-requested
content information to a user node using a generic portlet.